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WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 16, 190-

Fort Fisher.

Greetings to the "Blue and the Gray" many years, at Fort Fisher. There were brave men on both sides in the historic battle of Fort Fisher, and the survivors on both sides must have profound respect

Mr. Jefferson Davis in his book, "to ing forts: It was to place a large amoun of powder in a ship, and, having ander and so destroy the works and in near to Fort Fisher it was expected to plished soldier, who was in command of Fort Fisher than 1,500 yards. He furtelegram to Colonel Lamb, the commeant, and was answered. Enemy's gunboat blown up.' No effect

that the combined force of the expedigarrison of 6,500 men, the troops were

On January 15," continues Mr. Davis, ceived additional vessels, making the number fifty-eight engaged in the had been increased to double the num-Many of the guns in the fort stood bravely to their guns, and when with another approaching from the landside, continuing the fight long after they had got into the fort. Finally, overwhelmed by numbers and after the for and its armament had been mainly destrayed by bombardment-I believe greater than ever concentrated upon a fort-the remnant of the garrison sur-

"The heroic and highly gifted General Whiting was mortally and the gallant commander of the fort, Colonel Lamb, was seriously wounded. So fell Fort Fisher, and other forts fell with it. Generat Hoke Smith came to the rescue, but his small force was too weak to meet the enemy, and he retired through Wilmington after destroying public property to keep it from falling into the hands of the Federals. The land force of Butler and the fleet of Porter had overwhelmed the little band of Confede-

The "gallant Colonel Lamb." the hero of Fort Fisher, is Colonel William Lamb, of Norfolk, and his gallantry richly deserved the recognition of Presi-Davis. Colonel Lamb is taking part in the reunion, and will have the lion's share of the honor of the occasion.

The "brave and highly accomplished General Whiting" was William Henry Chase Whiting, whose father was a native of Massachusetts. He was graduated from the United States Military Abademy in 1845 at the head of a class in which were Charles P. Stone, Fitz John Porter and Gordon Granger. He became a captain and was assigned to work in the West and South, but when the war broke out he resigned and entered the Confederate service. He was taken to New York, after being captured at Fort Pisher, and lingered until March 10, 1865, when he died. One of patch in court proceedings and far less the most touching incidents of the whole war is connected with his death. He was a Confederate soldier, but he was an Episcopalian in good standing, and when he died his funeral took place from Brinity Church according to the impres-

wive service for the burial of the dead. Is It Interminable?

Will the Eastern Hospital investiga-

tion never end? How much longer mus public endure it? What, with it: majority reports, its protests-and counter protests and all the rest. It has become vell-nigh a public nuisance. First we had an investigation by a committee of the Legislature, which dragged along for The committee soon split into two partisan factions, and the vote on almost to two. During the investigation there was crimination and recrimination and much talk of bloody encounters. The

end came at last, and as a result there the hospital and in their conclusions. petent and faithful official, and recommended that his services be retained,

These reports had hardly been made when the General Hospital Board met ter from office. The Constitution proter refused to obey the order of dislic has already been rendered. The publie is very tired of this seemingly interminable and very expensive investigation, and insists that it be brought to a speedy and final conclusion.

Demonstration Fields.

has now completed its arrangements for of demonstration fields ried on under the direction of Mr. T. O. Sandy, of Nottoway county, who is a not get immediate results, of course, but than sufficient to repay him for his entire outlay, and the land was permanently improved. The value of his land profitable.

way, other farmers can do in other parts of the State, if they will only adopt his methods. But Mr. Sandy says that the Virginia farmers are so set in their ways clares that as pupils he would rather who are wedded to their own methods. less than a monopoly, ten times, five times, even three times, as Mr. Sandy is all right. Give him a square

The Law's Delay.

A correspondent of the News Leade calls attention to the following extract

from the Constitution of California:
Article VI., section 24: "No judge of
Superior Court or of the Supreme Court
shall, after the 1st of July, 1890, be allowed to draw or receive any monthly
salary. unless he shall take and subscribe an affidavit before an officer authorized to administer caths, that no
cause in his court remains undecided that has been submitted for decision for the period of ninety days."

The correspondent says that it is notorious fact, easily verified, that at least three of the judges of our corpora tion courts have cases now pending which have been argued and submitted for their decision at least two years ago

The News Leader says that this communication does not come from Rich mond or vicinity, and adds that our judges keep well up with their dockets. We do not dispute the fact, but there is complaint, nevertheless, of the "law's delay" among some of the lawyers of Richmond. The judges themselves kno whether or not the complaint is justifiable. If our judges have more work than they can do there should be more courts. The business of our courts should be disputched with as great promptness as is consistent with the often defeat the very ends of justice and cause great hardships to litigants. The famous case of "Jarndyce vs. Jarndyce" finds many a parallel in court records,

But the judges are not altogether to blame, by any means, for tardy justice. It is often the case that lawyers on on side or the other not only assent to continuance, but fight for it. Before condemning the judges the lawyers clear. If the lawyers would co-operate heartly with the judges in speeding the docket, there would be far greater discomplaint of the law's delay,

The Ward Plan.

Reference was made in yesterday's paper to a discussion before the Boston Economic Club of the Galveston plan of municipal government. In elaborating the subject, Mr. George Kibbe Turner spoke of the evils of the ward system. "There are two directly opposite ways

of choosing the members of a city government," said he. "The first is by geography; the second by function. That is, in the old form the voter chooses by wards. In the commission form it is according to a candidate's fitness for the work he is to do. The common system of ward ropresentation has been a fall-ure for seventy-five years. Nevertheless, there is always a strong protest against any change, and there will be against

any change, and there will be against this. The chief basis of the opposition is likely to come from the general, half-conscious, belief that election by wards

split up into easily manipulated piece In the second place, it chooses men for what they can do, and not for the district in which they are living. In the third place, and best of ell, it gives the voter a chance to know what he is voting

about.

"Galveston, when the commission took charge of it, was practically bankrupt, her paved streets were gone, her municipal plants and buildings badly wrecked, and her taxpayers in great financial straits. The commission government has brought back the city's credit to par, has raised a special debt equal to 10 per cent, of her valuation for the great work of raising the place above the level of cent. of her valuation for the great work of raising the place above the level of the sea, and has operated the city's affairs at a saving of one full third over previous administrations. Besides this, it has cleaned up the place morally and physically. Its success, in fact, has been startling."

Whatever may be said for or agains the Galveston plan, the ward plan has proven to be a wretched failure. In a place like Richmond it divides the city towns, and the representatives in the Council of the several wards look after stances, the city of large is left to take care of itself. This is said in no disselves, for their "constituency" expects councilmen follow an established precedent. But it is none the less a bad plan, and so long as it is in vogue no city car have the greatest progress in municipal

It costs only \$100 to have a man as-sassinated in Kentucky. An even cheap-er sport, however, is slugging the Gov-ernor of Arkansas, which, on the scale recently fixed by the courts, can be done

It turns out that the operator impri-cated in the Baltimore and Ohio wreck at Term Cotta had slept eight hours out of the preceding fifty-eight. Those rali-road fellows seem to think they have nothing to do but sleep.

The Atlanta Journal says that "Mr The Atlanta Journal says that "Mr. Rockefeller recently gave a lake to Princeton." We submit that Mr. Rockefeller has no business to go around giving our colleges the same lakes that Mr. Carnegle has already given.

nently improved. The value of his land has discovered the tomb of Queen Thi has been enhanced tenfold and his farming operations from year to year are very Hotep III. Paste this in your hat, and read it when everything else seems to be going against you.

> "Never delay an unpleasant duty." says Rockefeller, Jr. So far as the pro-cess-servers go, this young man could get some reassuring information from his

in 939 new Indictments at a single stroke. Whatever line the old gentleman takes up he isn't content with anything

Jobailey's friends are now fighting for a "limited investigation." The troub with that kind of investigation, Joe, that it can bring only a limited vindic

If convicted on all the counts just turned in against him, Mr. Rockefeller may have to serve 939 years in prison. may not even get out for the com

Mme. Melba, says a personal item, is collector of old furniture. If this werever, she would be no more celeb-than the average instalment house.

While it seems to be true that Mr Roosevelt fired at a Virginia gobbler and missed, it is only fair to say that he never misses when it is, a matter of firing an ambassador.

There may be, as the W. C. T. U. asserts, seventy-three kinds of cocktalls, but the scientific text-books admit only one kind of jag.

While the price of slippers has been greatly advanced, the country parishes will doubtless make it up to the parson in a larger number of book-makers.

Have you noticed, since the pure food law went into effect, how much more chickenesque the potted poultry tastes?

The White House is not so damp, how-ever, that Mr. Shaw is ever likely to

Mr. Harriman's illness seems to be exclusively confined to his responsory

They have recently captured a wild hairy man in Mexico, but, unfortunately it wasn't Senator Tillman.

Raisuli will soon be famous enough in ils native country to get elected to some

The impression appears to prevail that they're an insane asylum board, all right, The Sugar Trust faces the prospect o

PERSONAL AND GENERAL.

On the average 298 allen children under four-

teen years old arrive in New 10ra Uity earn day.

Every effort possible is being made to use mative woods for ties in building the railways in the Philippines.

A Inpenses shoe manufacturing concern has secured in contract for shoes for the British Army in India. It is one of the largest shoe contracts ever placed.

New York City transportation facilities are as inadequate as they were before the subways were built, ulthough these indicates in 1858.

Statistics of the Board of Health show that the general death rate in New York City is decreasing in all diseases excepting the four groups of acute respiratory troubles, cancer, diseases of the heart and diseases of the kidneys.

Prof. Brander Matthews, of Columbia University, has received the decoration of the Legion of Honor from the French government in proceeding with the study of the French with the study of the French

Yokohama. Representatives Staples, of Atchison county, has offered a resolution in the Missouri Assembly setting forth in datali the good qualities of the Missouri mule, providing that the State coat of arms be revived and suggesting that instead of the two bears now shown on the emblum, two Missouri mules be substituted.

Rhymes for To-Day

Y dearest heart, (arowell;
And if your own heart willed that
you and I
Might seal a lifetime's uttermost good-by
With lip to lip, this once, whatever else

Nay, I'll not have you weep.
I cannot bear, my love, to make you sa4;
I give so gladly—you must take as glad.
Must there be pain in that—a heart to
keep?
I will not have you weep.

Why, there's no cause for tears.

To give was ever gladder than to take;
I am too blessed that I could, for your

Spend all my heart, to crown me down the years.

My glory wants no tears.

To sow, not reap, to love and to renounce, To rise the victor, Self crushed under

I have my garden-spot, And never dream but I shall keep fair; I'll let no bitter flower creep in there What we have planted shall stay sweet

Within my garden-spot.

And so, a long good-bye!

kiss,
To speak my pride who dared to give
like this,
And live for you-too easy 'twere to die!
My very own, good-by!
H. S. H.

Handing in His Checks."

The Dad—'My son, I want to tell you that the secret of my success, as it must be of any man's, is hard work. I.—'The Son-'Shi Dad, I don't care to hear other people's secrets, and I am too much of a gentleman to take adventage of information gained that way. Say no more.''—Cloveland Leader.

"M'ss Roxiey," began Mr. Nervey, "I adore you. Will you be my wife?" "Sir!" retorted Miss Roxiey, haughtily, "the idea of you proposing to a girl in my station! You should know better."
"I do know better, but no richer."—Philadelphia Press.

POINTS FROM PARAGRAPHERS.

WHEN the lie is passed in the Senate somebody is generally choked. At the White House the reporters are called in and an official statement is issued. Only in the House of Representatives do the contestants "shake hands" and "close the incident."

New York World.

How can literature be "dead" in this country when Roosevelt, Taft, Cleveland and Sena-tor Ecveridge are burning the midnight Stand-ard oil?—Atlanta Constitution.

sevelt, as Commander-in-Chief, it without honor.—New York Am

The Boston Transcript has an article "Coughing at Concerts." Undoubtedly commanagers would prefer that parons do to coughing outside.—at the box office.—Kai City Journal.

Praise for Kennedy.

One of the most pleasing incidents that has recently fallen under our notice is the complete exoneration of Mr. J. P. Kennedy, State Librarian of Virginia, from the frivolous and unfounded charges that he was pecuniarily interested in purchases of books for the State Library, and for the traveling libraries which he supplies for many counties. Has prompt and indignant denial, his clear and concise returning and the conscioutious truthfulness of statement, must convince all disinterested persons not only of his absolute innocence of these gratultous charges, but of the elevated character and inborn high metal the man country of the statement of the country of the special that he would also could have been the statement of the country of the statement of the country of the country of the country oven the slightest, the scorn, of all just and sensible men.—Charlottesvillo Progress.

Tillman's Speech.
Senator Tillman is undoubtedly a man of ability and rugged honesty, but he lacks the breadth and culture of a statesman, and the dignity and judgment that should characterize a Senator. Itle bitter animosity toward President Roosevelt should warn him against a discussion of the personal action of the close not come to a consideration of dent, for he does not come to a consideration of dent, for he does not come to a consideration of dent, for he does not come to a consideration of the property of the constant of the constant of the property of the constant of the co

Our Pickwicklan Congressmen Our Plokwicklan Congressmen. Dickons forever pletured these parliamentary sputables in "Pickwick Papers." The gentleman who would not be "put up in order to be put down"; the debate that raged wherein one called the other secundrel, and the other returned opprobrious epithets with interest, all concluding with the fitting explanation that the gentleman was called a socundrel in a Pickwickian sense, or a parliamentary sense—not a common sense, or a parliamentary sense—not a town to connection with the anger of the Hon. John Wesnection with the wants more pay.—Winchester Star.

One Just Prepared by Members of Richmond Bar.

Or Kichmond Bar.

"Virginia Corporation Digest." by Isaac
Diggs and Ben T. Barret, of the Richmend bar, is the title of a book of about
1,200 pages, and is devoted to a concise
presentation and elaboration of all the presentation and elaboration of all the different kinds of corporations in Virginia and the laws relating thereto, viz.; a digest of our Supreme Court decisions published in our State Reports, as well as all those omitted therefrom, but published in "Michie's Virginia Decisions" and the "Southeastern Reporters."

Cross references are freely used. The language employed throughout is that of the courts; coexistensity a departure

of the courts; occasionally a departure is made in a perspicuous note. The preface is short, and is as follows; "The need of the Virginia bar for a work to guide them in their researches for the various principles enunciated in

the cases decided by our Supreme Court of Appeals touching incorporated companies, makes it unnecessary for the writers of this volume to explain at length the purpose of its production."

It is conceded that no apology can excuse a useless book; a useful one needs none; and with this kept in view the work is presented. The idea of collecting and publishing such decisions in digest form, with the pertinent statutes annotated occurred to Mr. Diggs some time ago, and he had begun to put it into execution, but realising that the undertaking was of greater magnitude than contemplated, he consulted Mr. Barret who, besides agreeing to join him in producing the work, suggested that the scope and object should be so extended as to embrace by fair use the views of the best textwriters on the subjects comprised whereever applicable to Virginia law.

Under the composite idea, the work proceeded and is now offered, the product of their joint labor.

ISAAC DIGGS, BEN. T. BARRET, Richmond, Va., January, 1907.

The book is divided into case and statute law. In the case law its titles are: (1) "Corporation Generally"; (2), "Municipal Corporations"; (3) "Railroads, Negligence and Damages," References to the best text-writers are used on all occasions, among them being: Cook on Corporations, Beach on Private Corporations, Thompson on Corporations, Taylor on Corporations, Minor's Institutes, Lile's Notes on Corporations, Dillon on Municipal Corporations, Lindley on Partnerships, Parsons on Partnership, Jones on Negligence, Watson on Damages, Thompson and Merriam on Juries, Bishop on Contracts, Thompson's Law of Electricity,

tracts. Thompson's Law of Electricity, Elliott on Rallroads, etc.

In the last named authority, out of 54,897 cases cited, the 223 from Virginia, in various applications, are compared by the author with numerous other decisions construing the same and similar laws.

Enderal decisions on these Virginia, laws. Federal decisions on these Virginia laws are used throughout the work.

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In the statute laws are given all those that are now operative. Included among them are the general laws on certificates of charters; amendments, etc.; capital; surrender; management; directors and other officers; dissolutions; rallroads, steamships, telegraph, telephones, canal, turnpikes and other public service corporations; corporations requiring no capital stock; general provisions governing all corporations other than those mentioned; general powers; duration; bonded tax on same; insurance laws; Bureau o co-operative and casualty, marine indemnity, mutual assessment and

A very full general many pages is added to aid the digest or alphabetical arrangement of the subjects treated in the work. There is also an appendix, being our new Constitution, with an abstract of its sections in special headings and a very complete special index of thirty-seven double-columned pages, amounting to seventy-four pages of the usual style.

The work is from the press of the C. Picot Printing Company, of Richmond, Va., and went on sale Monday, January 14th, a little more than a year after its beginning, and Mr. John Hart, of this city, has been selected as agent to place orders for the book.

If I were asked what was the greatwoman, I would say, not errors in diet. not lack of exercise, not overwork, not company bad mental states.

What do I mean by bad mental states? I mean anger, fear, worry, anxiety, irritability, regret, envy, jealousy, lack of trust in oneself and in the Great Good—all these are bad mental states; and all these destroy beauty, not only by interfering with the action of the vital organs, but by directly disfiguring the expres-sion by the face.

beauty-seeking Unless the beauty-seeking young woman is prepared to deliberately cultivate good nature, kindness, balmness, cheerfulness even to hilarity—unless she is prepared to deliberately conquer all tendencies to the bad mental states above mental states. states above mentioned, there will be little or no results from her efforts to develop in herself that most divine gift of beauty.-Outing.

Good Things. Smare-The majority of the rich people

who patronize us artists don't know any thing about art.

Merritt-My boy, it's a lucky thing for you that they don't.-Smart Set.

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RICHMOND, . VA.

AMUSEMENTS

Academy-Matinee and night, "The Shepherd King,"
Bijou-"The Ninety and Nine."
Bostock's-Wild Animal Show,
Idlewood-Skating Rink.

"The Shepherd King."

Another large audience greeted Wright Lorimer's production of "The Shepherd King" last night at the Academy, and King" last night at the Academy, and applauded to the echo the impressive performance given by the talented actor in the role of David. The charming work of dainty May Buckley, as the Princess Michal, also came in for its full share of approval, as did the manly Prince Jonathan of Carl Eckstrom. Ethelbert Hales portrays vividly the mad King Saul, and his acting in the Witch of Endor scene is a particularly effective plece of work.

The artistic mounting of the play places it among the best productions, from a scenic point of view, that have been seen on the local stage. Especial attention is paid to the costumes, which.

been seen on the local stage. Especial attention is paid to the costumes, which are as historically accurate as it is possible to make them. The entire production is under the personal supervision of Mr. Lorimer.

The sale of seats for matinee and night to-day, which will close the engagement, indicate crowded houses for both performances.

"The Lion and the Mouse."

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Charles Klein's play of American polities and business, "The Lion and the Mouse," will be the attraction at the Academy to-morrow, Friday and Saturday. The play will be produced under the direction of Henry B. Harris, who has gathered together an exceptionally fine cast for the interpretation of the Klein piece. The success of "The Lion and the Mouse" is well known to every one throughout the country, and is a proof that the money devil who, outside his own hemisphere, has hitherto chiefly occupied the lecture platform, the pulpit and the press, has at last found his place upon the stage. The idlosyncrasy of the time is swollen wealth. The "ilon" in Mr. Klein's play is a billionaire treading all things under his golden heel. The "mouse" is a clever girl who heel. The "mouse" is a clever girl who outwits and defeats him. The play abounds in human feeling, in vital in-terest drawn from real and current life, painted in local color.

"Mrs. Wiggs of the Cabbage Patch" will be the attraction at the Academy on Monday and Tuesday, Mrs. Madge Carr Cook, as quaint, motherly Mrs. Wiggs, will again portray this delightful role. This expert character comedienne has scored the hit of her career in this part, which is so inviting in both its humorous possibilities and its heart interest. The cast of characters comprises all of the now familiar figures of Mrs. Rice's

week in Klaw & Erlanger's presentation of the "March Kink's" latest comic opera, "The Free Lance," Joseph Cawthorn, known locally as one of the best comic opera comedians, is the stellar feature of the cast. The other principal characters are assumed by Nolla Bergen, Albert Hart, Jeanette Lowie, George Tallman, Stanley Murphy and George Ediller. A singing ensemble of seventy-five accompanies the production.

"The Free Lance" is described as being just the joyous class of entertainment guaranteed to laugh away a night as if by magic.

special In the course of a year or so Lillian which Russell is to appear in "The School for it is Scandal."

Al. Wilson played "Metz in the Alps" to \$2,400 for two performances in Williamsport, Pa., breaking all records for

"The Lion and the Mouse" will reach its ave-hundredth performance in New York on January 24th.

E. H. Sothern and Julia Marlowe to have a theatre of their own in New York to be called The Booth. It will be completed by next January, and will

Richard Mansfield announced a re-hearsa; of "Peer Gynt" immediately af-ter the performance of January 1st in Cincinnati. When the members of the company reported they found instead that an elaborate banquet had been prepared for them. Every college boy will recognize in "Strongheart," the play of Columbia 'Varsity life, in which Robert Edeson is to be presented by Henry B. Harris in this city on Thursday night of next week, many familiar types. William C. De Mille, the author, who is a Columbia boy, has written cleverly of the life he knows, and a glance at his characters show many of the well-known figures of college life. Foremost is Strongheart, the college-bred Indian, in which role Mr. Edeson has won a signal success.

Mrs. Carrie Kuh died in Chicago on December 28 from injuries received three years ago at the great Iroquois Theatre

William Ingersoll, a former leading William Ingersoll, a former leading man of the Giffen Stock Company and a local favorite, is playing the leading role in "The Love Route," whose author, Edward Peple, is a former Richmond bank clerk.

Voice of the People

The Spring Street Home.

The Spring Street Home.

Editor of The Times-Dispatch:
Sir.—A noted philanthropist, who devotes his life and fortune to saving such girls, visited this home a few years ago. I have heard that, when speaking afterwards of his work in founding or organizing such institutions in many States, he said that he had been asked especially to visit this one, but had found it so well established and faithfully cared for by the citizens that he felt in this instance his work and influence were not needed—a high tributs to the board, the matron and the contributors to this most useful and important institution. A trained nurse, well known for ministering to the spiritual as well as material needs of her patients, came a few years ago to this place, so desperate and hopoless that it was necessary to watch her for some time to prevent suicide, but the same salutary influence came over her that has been exercised upon so many of the stream of girls constantly seeking its shelter.

She left completely reformed, chose her present profession, and has since written back, "I often wonder what would have become of me if I had not found the shelter of the home."

from a distant State, crushed and heart-broken, became during her long stay the sunshine of the house and help of all the inmates. Her husband wrote lately to the matron: "She for whom you have done so much is now my good angol and my life's blessing. In His and the sunshine of school again, and work for higher and nobler citizenship."

It space falls to tell of more than a few of the numerous girls who have left thoroughly reformed, good women. As sunset and twilight come upon tamiliar landscapes, sometimes the light lingers upon a spot here and there, and it is brightly illuminated, while other portions of the view are lost in shadow. So it seems in looking back over the varied seems of a longthening life. Among the sunny spots often shine tut long hours in the old home on Spring Street, with young girls about me that Icount among my friends for life.

All who are interested in this worthy, noble work will remember the donation day—Tuesday, January 22, 1907. Contributions of money or supplies most gratefully received.

Board of Managers—Mrs. James Pleasants, president; Mrs. Thomas Nowlan, first vice-president; Mrs. Thomas Nowlan, first vice-president; Mrs. Thomas Rowland, Mrs. Barclay, R. Mason, Mrs. Henry G. Cannon, Mrs. Josiah Ryland, Mrs. Barclay, R. Mason, Mrs. Henry G. Cannon, Mrs. Preston Nash, Mrs. Poore, Mrs. W. J. Blunt, Mrs. Malvern C. Patterson.

Railroad Employes.

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Editor of The Times-Dispatch:

I have read with much interest your recent editorials relative to the awful rallway disasters which have occurred on our railroads within the past few months. In all of these editorials I have seen you dwell at soma length on individual responsibility. There is no doubt that all of us have a certain amount of responsibility in this life, but what might be a responsibility for one person might not be for another. It depends altogether on the ability, for what is possible for one person to accomplish is impossible for another. I have made some inquiry into the real conditions, as they exist on our railroads, and I can told by railway employes that there are a good many men (some of them mere boys) who have not the ability to discharge the important and responsible duties that rest on them. I have special reference to the telegraphic service on our railroads, as this seems to be one of the most important things connected with the safe movement of trains. Investigation so far shows that the telegraph operator is responsible for the terrible wreck at Terra Cotta, on the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, in which fifty people lost their lives. Investigation of both of the wrecks on the Southern Railway proved them to be the fault of the operators. There need be no further evidence to show that there is a very great responsibility on the telegraph operators, and that they should be men

who realize the awful responsibility that

who realize the awful responsionity rests on them.

I am told by reliable men who are in the service that the hours are too long and the salaries are too small to induce good men to continue in the service. You cannot get a competent man in this day and time, with the present demand for labor, for \$45 or \$50 per month, 1 am told that these men are forced to furnish a standard watch, to be used in the service of the raliroad companies.

Does The Times-Dispatch think this right? The railroads of this State operate about as many trains on Sunday ay It seems to me these men are not treated with proper consideration. I hope the railroad officials will realize this and remedy the trouble.

C. H. D.

Petersburg, Va.

The Work of the X-Ray. The invaluable X-ray has again saved a numan lite in a remarkable manner after medical skill, unaided by the Roentgen discovery, had been utterly baffled. A two and one-half inch nail, which for nine mouths had been imbedded in the bron-chial tube of Isidor Berkowitz, of 40 For-syth Street, was removed by surgeons of the Beth Israel Hospital as soon as they had loosted it with the raw.

nad located it with the rays.

During the nine months doctors pronounced the throat clear, yet the child
had intermittent convulsions and grasped
madly at his neck and chest. The case
was a puzzle until Dr. Francis Huber declded to employ the rays. He saw the
nall clearly, and on November 21st performed a delicate operation. Nothing, was formed a delicate operation. Nothing was made public about the case until yesterday, when the surgeon announced that

French Papers' Americanisms.

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Chicago Tribune

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